

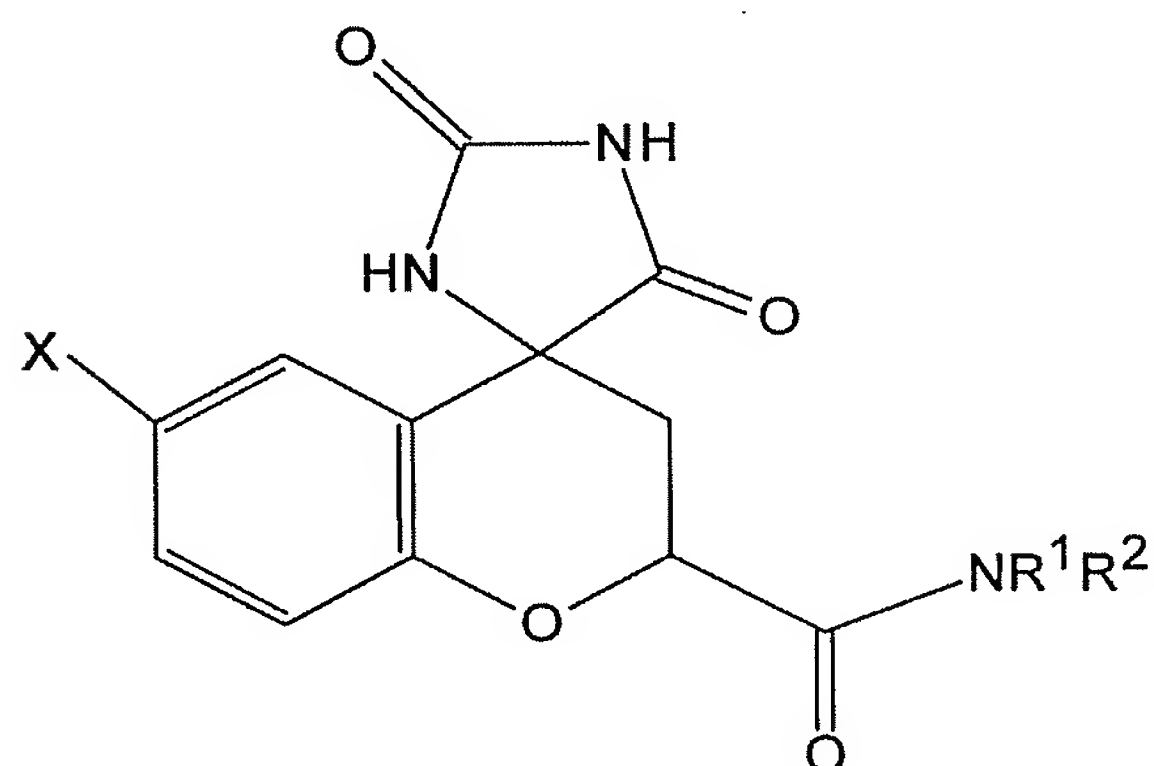
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for treating in a human being diffuse macular edema in diabetic maculopathy ~~in a mammal~~ comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein X represents a halogen or a hydrogen atom, and R¹ and R² concurrently or differently represent a hydrogen atom or a C1 to C6 alkyl group.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for treating in a human being diffuse macular edema in diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, wherein the compound is administered in the form of an oral agent.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for treating in a human being diffuse macular edema in diabetic maculopathy according to claim 10, wherein the compound is (2S, 4S)-6-fluoro-2',5'-dioxospiro [chroman-4,4'-imidazolidine]-2-carboxamide.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method for improving visual acuity and inhibiting a deterioration of visual acuity in diabetic maculopathy comprising the method according to claim 10.

Claims 15-17 (Cancelled)